1	2	3	4	5	6
25	West Bengal	3.4	0.6	7.7	11.1
26	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3.3	3.8	3.8	23.9
27	Chandigarh	1.0	7.6	3.9	14.4
28	D & N Haveli	1.6	–	1.6	–
29	Daman and Diu	1.3	–	1.4	8.3
30	Delhi	3.9	-26.0	3.2	5.3
31	Lakshadweep	10.9	52.9	8.2	26.3
32	Pondicherry	4.7	2.6	3.5	6.9
	ALL INDIA:	2.1	1.5	4.8	7.1

**As per usual status approach.*

Unemployment rate is the percentage of unemployed with reference to Labour Force.

Review of labour laws

1740. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the process of consulting various sections for a review of the labour laws in the light of the Second National Labour Commission's recommendations;

(b) if so, the name of the sections whose representatives have been consulted so far; and

(c) the steps taken to evolve a consensus on the issues such as retrenchment, right to go on strike, social security, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Second National Commission on Labour set up by the Government to make its recommendations on various aspects of labour *viz.* review of laws, social security, women and child labour, skill development, labour administration, unorganized sector etc. The Ministry has held consultations and interactions, with the workers' representatives, employers' organizations, experts, professionals etc. The recommendations of the Commission were also discussed in the 38th Session of Indian Labour Conference held on 28-29

September, 2002 and in a National Seminar on Unorganised Sector workers held on 7-8 November, 2002. A tripartite Committee meeting is also proposed to be convened in the month of February, 2003 for processing the recommendations. These processes are to bring about a workable consensus for implementation of the recommendations of the Commission.

Land for housing scheme for EPF members

1741. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken initiative to request the State Governments to provide land at cheaper rates for housing for workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to implement the scheme for the EPF members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund (EPF) at its 158th meeting held on 22.10.2002 has, in principle, approved launching of a housing scheme for EPF subscribers. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Gopalan, Ex-Secretary, Labour and Ex-Secretary General of Lok Sabha, has been constituted to explore the feasibility of the Housing Scheme for worker members alongwith other related issues. The State Governments have been addressed to make the land available at subsidized rates for making affordable housing for EPF subscribers.

Night shopping in Delhi

1742. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to allow night shopping in Delhi, as per the media reports in the Times of India dated the 16th August, 2002;

(b) if so, the areas where this night shopping would be allowed and the hours of working of these shops; and

(c) whether this would not infringe the provisions of the shops and Establishment Act?